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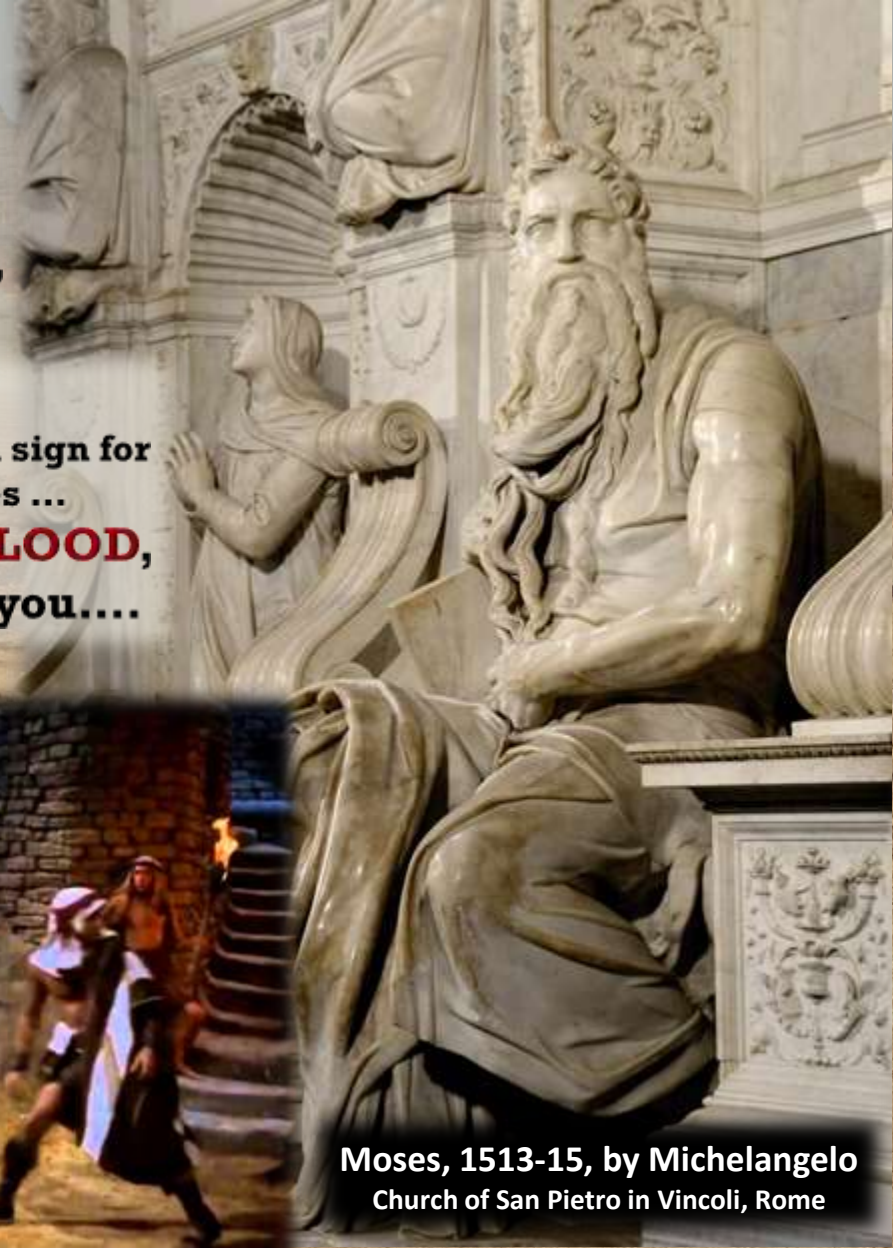
Exodus

- 1-4 Moses—Burning Bush, “Take off your shoes”
- 5-11 Moses—Pharaoh, “Let my people go!”
- 12-13 Moses—First Passover, “When I see the **BLOOD**”
- 14-15 Moses—Parting of Red Sea
- 16-19 Moses—Manna from Heaven
- 20-21 Moses—Ten Commandments
- 22-24 Moses—Building the Tabernacle
- 25-39 Moses—Golden Calf & Moses’ Prayer
- 40 Moses—Set up the Tabernacle

LEVITICUS

- 1-3 Burnt, Grain, Fellowship Offerings
- 9-10 Lord’s Fire Consumes Offerings
- 16 & 29 Annual Day of Atonement
- 26 *If You Follow My Statutes*

Exodus 12:13
The **BLOOD** will be a sign for
you on the houses ...
when I see the **BLOOD**,
I will pass over you....



Moses, 1513-15, by Michelangelo
Church of San Pietro in Vincoli, Rome

Exodus

chapters

1-11 Oppression of God's People & Deliverer

19-34 Consecration of God's People at Sinai

12-14 Deliverance of God's People from Egypt

25-40 Worship of God's People in the Tabernacle

15-18 Education of God's People in the Wilderness

Chapter Verses

- 12** 1-14 **Passover Instituted—Lamb on 10th Day, Kill on 14th @ Twilight**
15-20 **Feast of Unleavened Bread Instituted—for 7 Days *after* Passover**
21-28 **Moses' Instructions for First Passover Night**
29-30 **Lord Kills Firstborn in Egypt—of Pharaoh, Prisoner, Livestock**
31-42 **Exodus at NIGHT—600,000 MEN & *Others*—to **Sukkoth****
—after 430 years in Bondage
43-51 **Recap on Passover Meal Instructions**
- 13** 17-22 **Exodus from **Sukkoth** to **Red Sea**—or REED Sea**
Led by God with **Pillar of Cloud by Day, Pillar of Fire by Night**

Geography in 1400 B.C. ~ west wing known today's Gulf of Suez

Perhaps EXTENDED up to Bitter Lakes as Northern Part of Red Sea

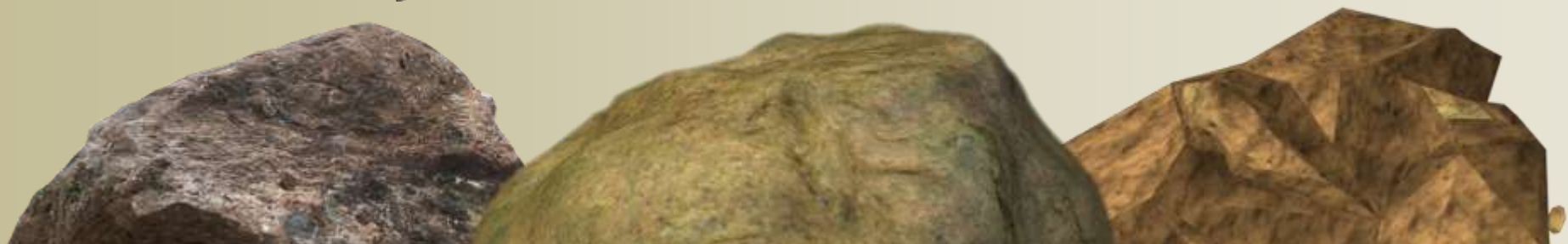
Key Verse Exodus 12:13

The **BLOOD** will be a sign
for you on the houses ...

when I see the **BLOOD**,

I will *pass over* you

hence, **PASSOVER**



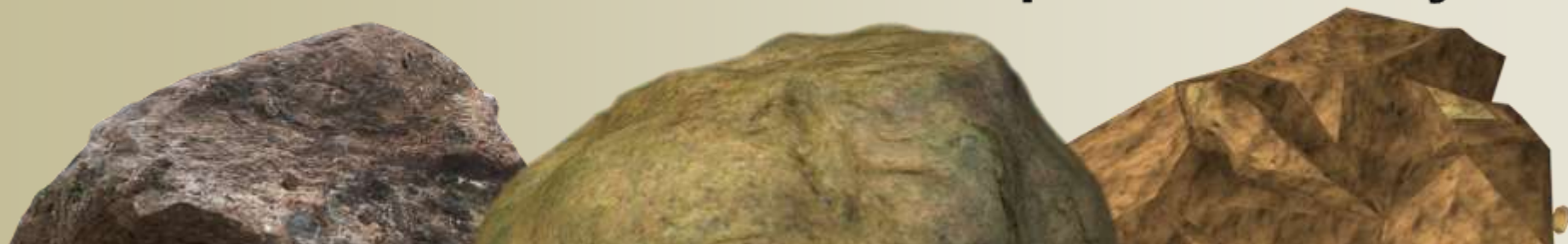
Alternate Title

Hebrew Slaves'

Last Supper

Their Darkest Night

Came before their Glorious Independence Day



NOTICE: we have Exodus 11 as a summary *foretelling*
Then we have Exodus 12 repeating **AGAIN** what *happened*
In the Bible, **TWO** places we have **TWO** renditions of **SAME** event



Gen. 1 creation man 6th day

Gen. 2 creation of man & woman

Rev. 21:1-8, Holy City Descends

Rev. 21:9–22:5, Holy City Descends
2nd latter versions more detailed



Creation by Michelangelo, c. 1508-12, Sistine Chapel Ceiling

Holy City by Gustave Doré (1832-83)

Exodus 11 is a short summary *foretelling*

- ✓ God tells Moses ... Death is coming to Firstborn
- ✓ God tells Moses to tell people to ask for GOLD

Exodus 11:3, **LORD** gave the people favor
in the sight of the Egyptians ...

Exodus 11:6-7, **Loud wailing ... worse than ever...
not a dog will bark at any person or animal.'**

You will know the Lord distinguishes between Egypt & Israel.

Even the dogs will NOT *bark* or *growl* or *snarl* in

Depending on which
translation you use

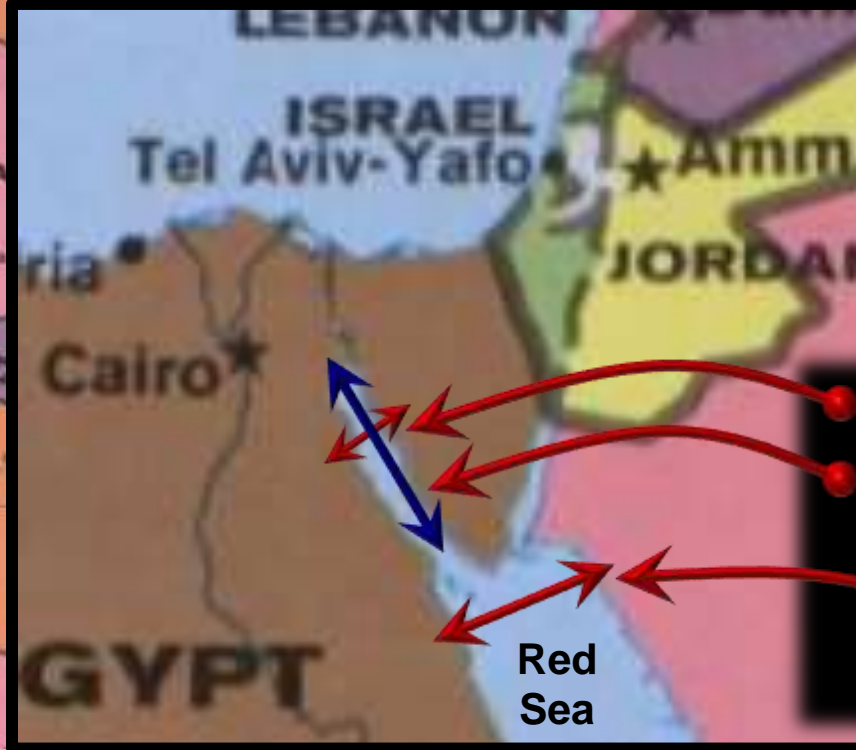
Israel's Camp

Exodus 12-13, at night after Passover meal—God leading—
they **HURRY** to **Sukkoth** then to the **Red Sea**

NOTICE: We are NOT told how long the trip was

Because of Pharaoh's pursuit, seems to be a few days





Gulf of Suez 12-20 Miles WIDE
Gulf of Suez 190 Miles LONG
Red Sea wide point
190-200 miles





Geography in 1400 B.C. ~ west wing known as today's Gulf of Suez
Perhaps EXTENDED up to Bitter Lakes as Northern Part of Red Sea
that is, the crossing was likely where the Bitter Lakes are today

According to chapter 11, Moses warns of death of firstborn ... Moses leaves angry

Yet **UNLIKE** all the plagues ... *catch this*

Exodus 12 - Moses is **NOT** involved in this one

Moses **MUST** stay **INSIDE** his house too

God is coming at **Midnight**

This plague hits **ALL** ... even any Hebrew that ignores the **BLOOD**

God does **NOT** use anyone's aid ...

Has to be spooky





Death Angel - Illustrators of the 1897 Bible Pictures and What They Teach Us by Charles Foster

12:1-5 Prepared – Nisan—1st Month, 10th Day

Exact timing of this gets us a clear reference:

- ¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,
- ² “This month is to be for you the first month,
the first month of your year.”

This was the FIRST Passover ... Nisan
spring ... March-April ... lunar months

Are YOU prepared for God’s visit?

	Hebrew Months	Length
1	<u>Nisan</u>	30
2	<u>Iyar</u>	29
3	<u>Sivan</u>	30
4	<u>Tammuz</u>	29
5	<u>Av</u>	30
6	<u>Elul</u>	29
7	<u>Tishrei</u>	30
8	<u>Marcheshvan</u> or <u>Cheshvan</u>	29/30
9	<u>Kislev</u>	30/29
10	<u>Tevet</u>	29
11	<u>Shevat</u>	30
12	<u>Adar</u>	29
	make up using Leap Month >	Total Days 353-55

Dark time even for Hebrews

After 9 devastating plagues ... this one was the *scariest*

No One Exempt

Personal

Specific

DEADLY

Child ...

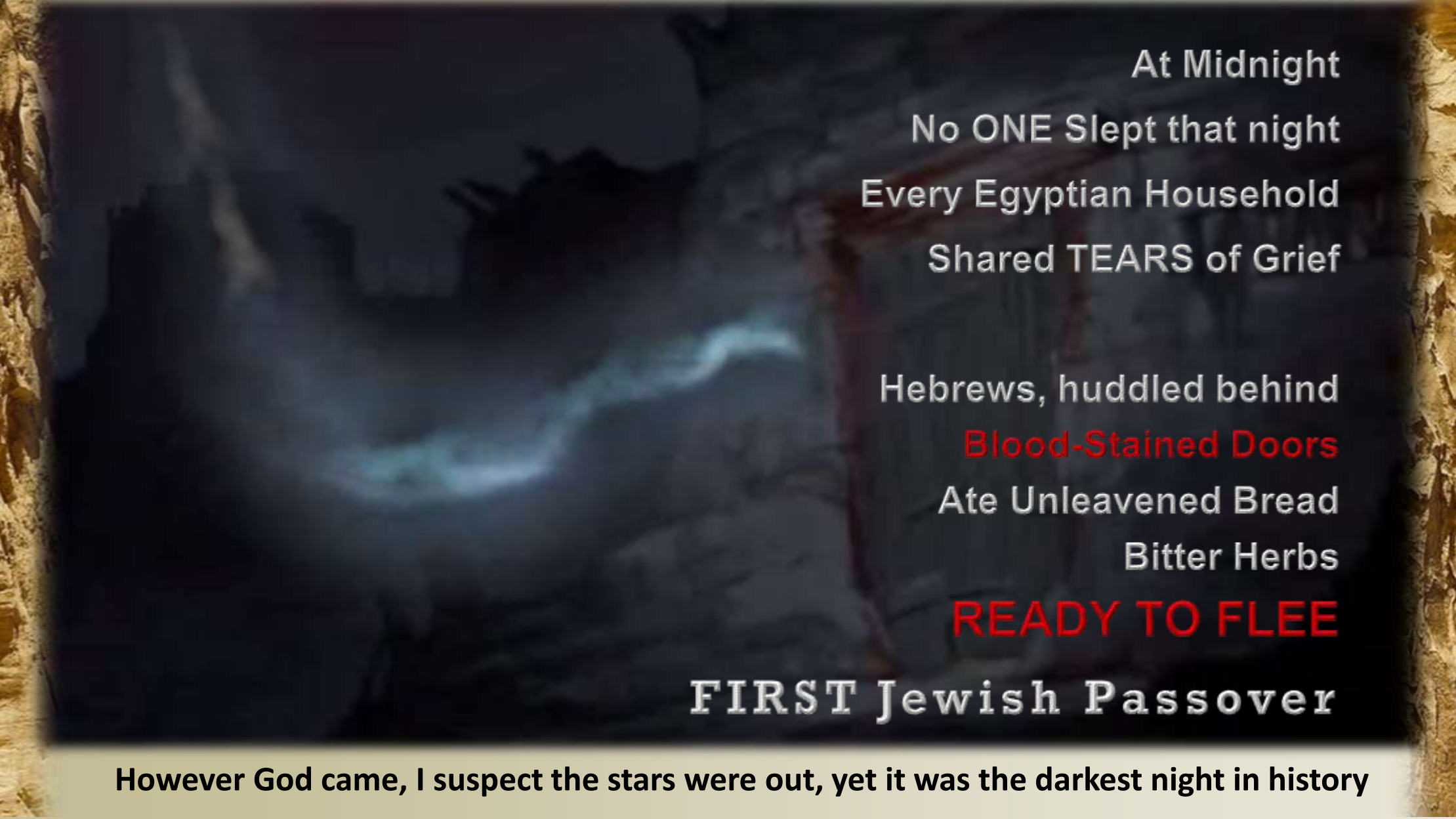
Adult ...

FIRSTBORN

Only **BLOOD**
would **SAVE**

Death Creeps through Egypt in
the classic Ten Commandments





At Midnight
No ONE Slept that night
Every Egyptian Household
Shared TEARS of Grief

Hebrews, huddled behind
Blood-Stained Doors
Ate Unleavened Bread
Bitter Herbs
READY TO FLEE

FIRST Jewish Passover

However God came, I suspect the stars were out, yet it was the darkest night in history

Passover = Hebrew *Pesach / Paschal* for **PASS-OVER**
8-day Feast of Unleavened Bread –

Matt. 26:17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do You want us to prepare the Passover so You may eat it?"

Passover celebrates God's Death Angel *Passing OVER*

Exodus, c. 1447 B.C. (or c. 1200 B.C.) takes place after the 10th judgment of Death of Firstborn—Israelites head to Canaan

Death ... to Life

Exodus 12-13 &
Leviticus 23

TELL ALL



They kept Passover, yet little mention in the wilderness
Joshua 5:10-11, they kept Passover prior to Conquest
King Josiah kept it in his 18th year (II Kings 23)
They did not FULLY follow the Levitical Law until
AFTER the return from Exile, c. 516 B.C.
Hebrews huddled in their homes ... eating as TOLD
Little realizing that in about 1,400 years LATER

THE Lamb would
come to be
sacrificed for all

In Jesus' time
Jerusalem would
FILL to capacity
for Passover



This DELIVERANCE ...

Foreshadows an even greater DELIVERANCE

Only those covered by the **BLOOD** would ...

make the trip in 1447 B.C. ... in A.D. 33 ... and Today



Jerusalem, c. A.D. 33, as seen from Mt. of Olives

Passover, Paschal sacrifice kicked
into gear in 2nd Temple Period,
516 B.C. to A.D. 70.

Large crowds came into Jerusalem and
the Temple Mount. Gates would close
and the Shofar sounded.

Israelites slaughter the lamb

“*Paschal*” = Hebrew for “*pass over*”

After the Temple’s destruction in
A.D. 70, the Paschal sacrifice ends



Paschal / Passover was the Last Supper of our Lord

Last Supper, c. 1495

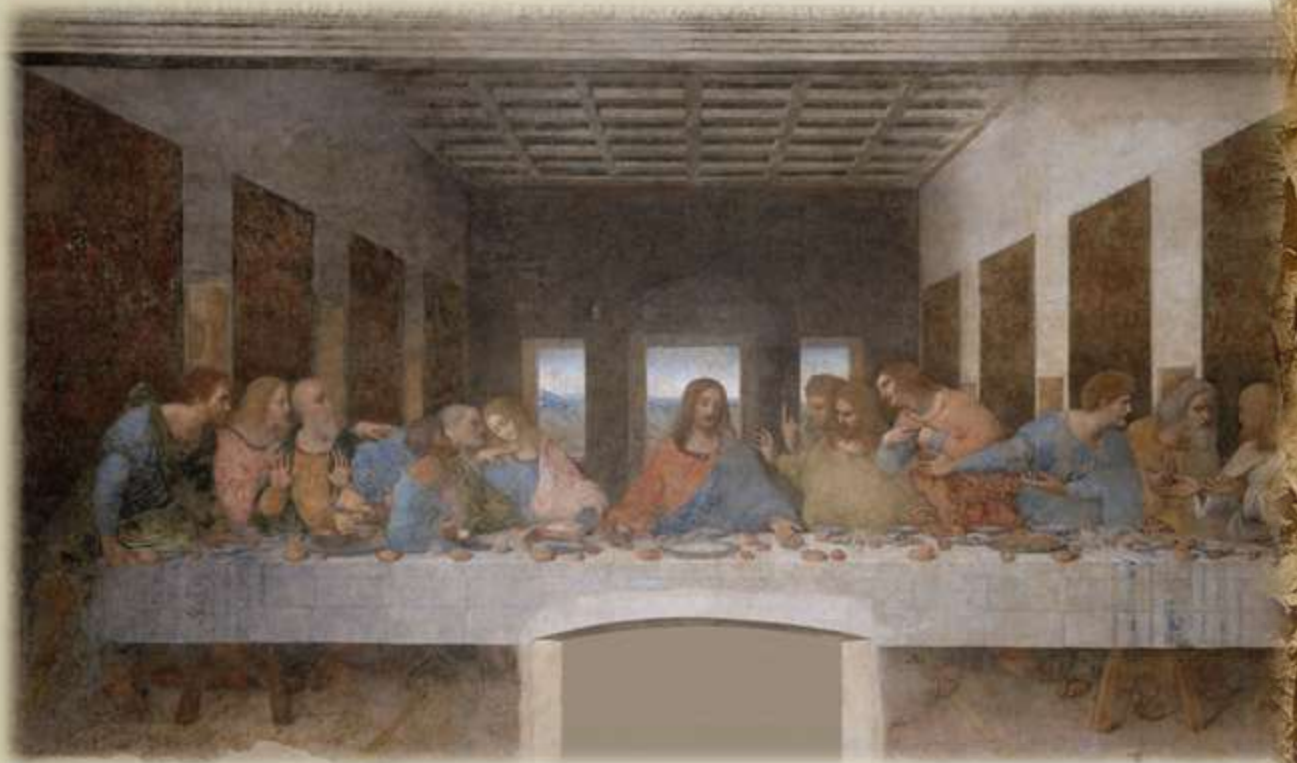
by Leonardo Da Vinci

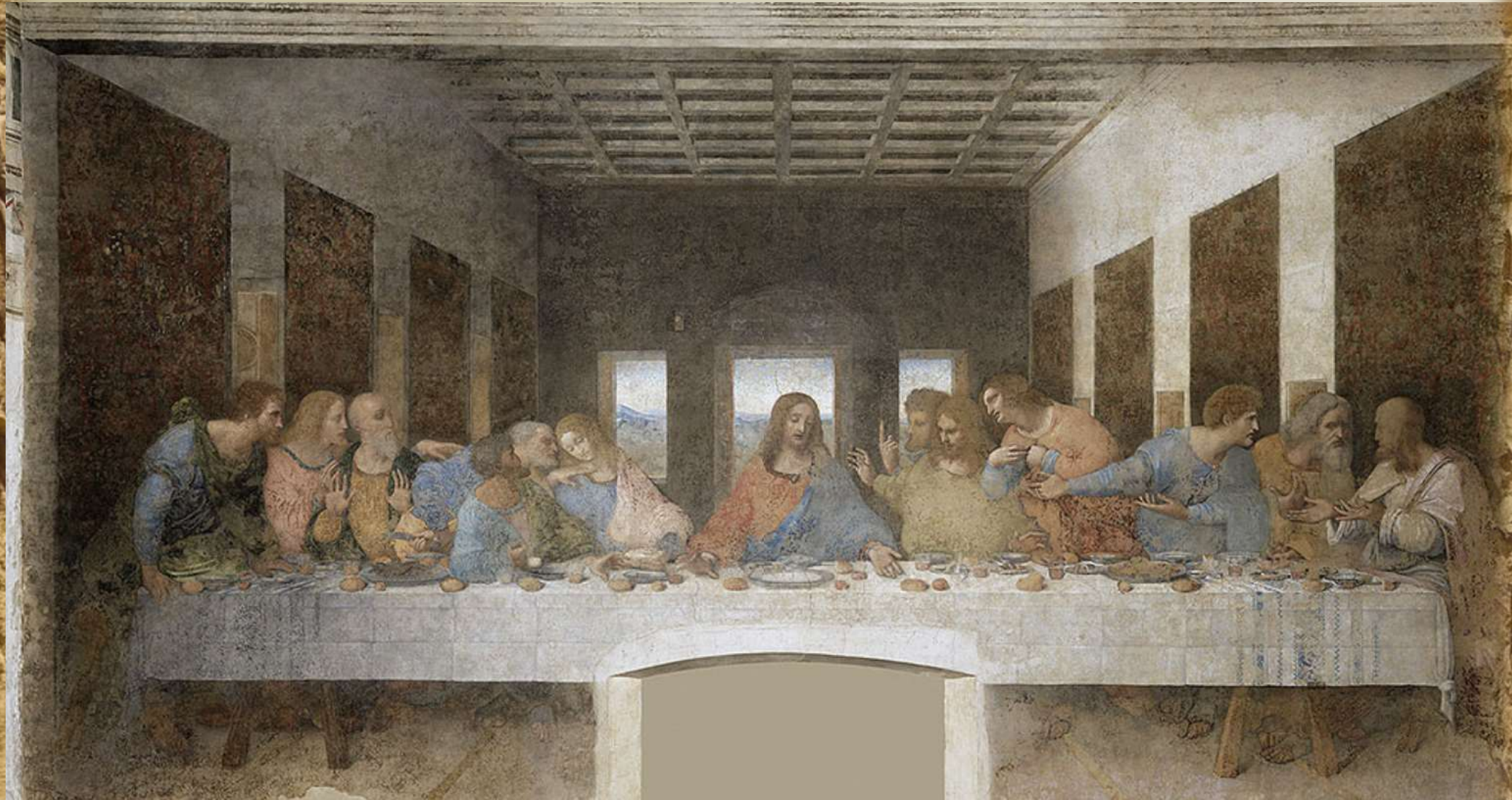
**Housed in refectory of the
Convent of Santa Maria
delle Grazie in Milan**

**Sadly, it began to deteriorate
just a few years after finish**

**Mere 60 years after,
it began to flake**

**Several restorations over
the centuries have preserved**



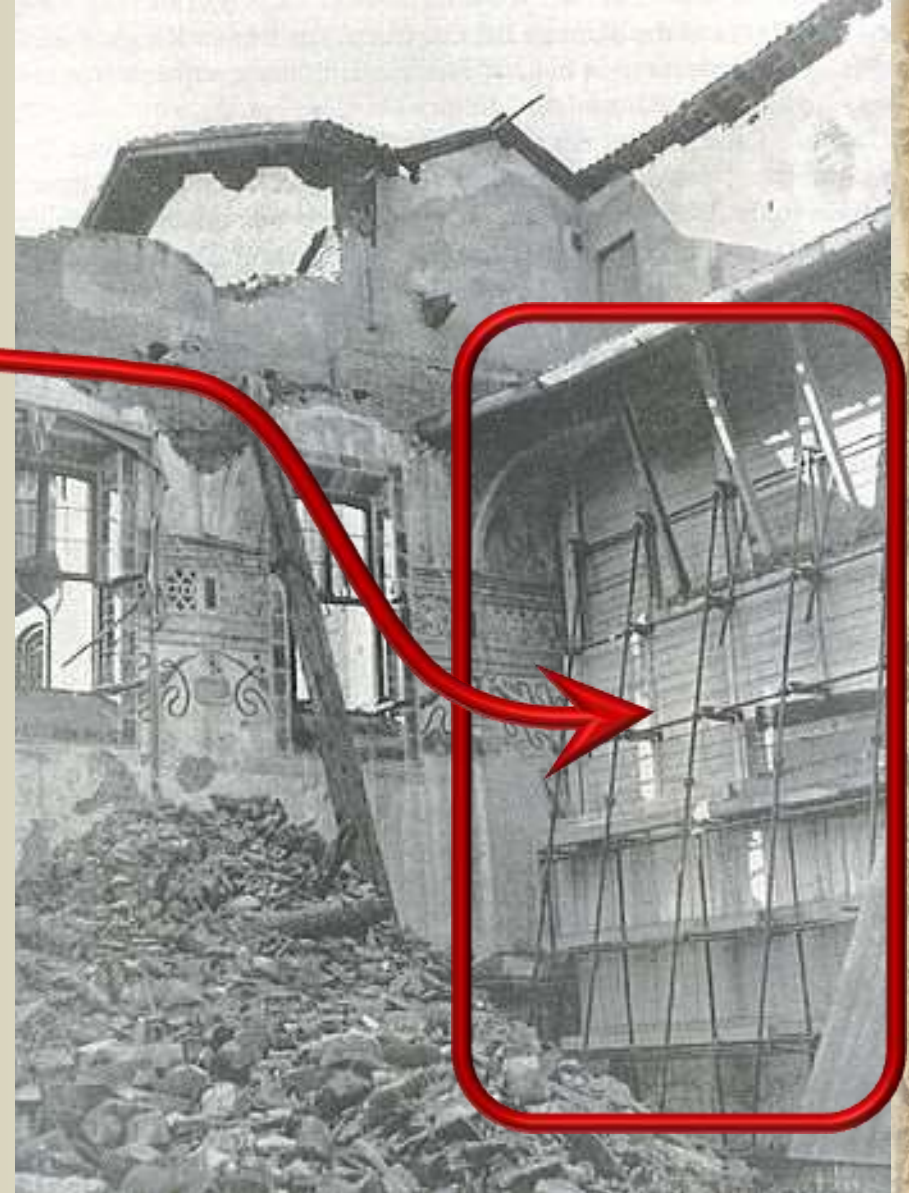


Last Supper, c. 1495, by Leonardo Da Vinci

**During World War II, on August 15, 1943,
the refectory was struck by Allied bombing**

**However, protective sandbagging prevented
the painting from being struck by bomb
splinters**

**1951 to 1954, another restoration
was undertaken by Mauro Pelliccioli**





Only they are NOT reclining, as all good Jews must do when eating Passover

Last Supper, ca. 1520, by Giovanni Pietro Rizzoli, called Giampietrino (active 1508-1549)
a painting copying Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece

SACRIFICE ended w Temple destruction in A.D. 70—not the Passover

Passover *Seder Meal* filled w symbolism ... *Seder* = Order/Arrangement

Reflecting & Memorializing back to the First Passover of Exodus 12, c. 1447 B.C.

Seder Plate
used in Jewish
Passover Meals
today

Often, these are
finely decorated
plates

Seder = Order or
Arrangement

Seder is a Ritual
Meal of Passover

Hard-boiled egg,
*night God Desired
to redeem*

Charoset, mix of
chopped nuts, apples,
wine, cinnamon –
*resembles mortar &
toil under Egyptian
pharaohs*

1st part of Bitter Herb “Maror”,
often Horseradish –
bitterness of slavery

Shank Bone,
forearm of lamb
the Sacrifice

Parsley or boiled Potato
or onion – *symbolize
back-breaking work of slavery*

Romaine Lettuce –
2nd part of Bitter Herb “Maror”



That night, they are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire; they are to eat it with **matzo** and **maror** (bitter herb).

— *Exodus 12:8*

From the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month until the evening of the twenty-first day, you are to eat **matzo**.

— *Exodus 12:18*



Machine-made matzo



Hand-made matzo

for seven days you are to eat with it **matzo**, the bread of affliction ... Thus you will **REMEMBER** the day you left the land of Egypt as long as you live.

— *Deuteronomy 16:3*

on the seventh day there is to be a festive assembly ... do not do any kind of work.

— *Deuteronomy 16:8*



Machine-made matzo



Hand-made matzo

After Passover, God told the Hebrews to **SCAT**
... not allowing their bread to rise.

Grab and GO ... don't touch leaven

Today, Jewish families hide bread in places
for children to search ...

to "eradicate" yeast from the house.

Family burns the found "bread" outside.

Yeast represents sin, multiplies fast, hard to
get rid of ... reminds us of our **helpless estate**

Our inability to **clean** our own souls.

We need a SAVIOR to do it for us.



Matzo is
yeastless bread

The JEWISH Passover looks at the
Great Deliverance from Egypt

REMEMBER to never forget the **DELIVERANCE**

The Lord's Last Supper ...

- ✓ Looks to OUR Deliverance
- ✓ Looks to HIS Cross as the ***Last Sacrifice***
- ✓ Looks forward to His Resurrection as
Our Great Deliverance
- ✓ Lord's Supper we celebrate today,
Looks to Christ's Coming Again –

The Last Deliverance



**Matzo is
yeastless bread**

Nisan ... the new New Year for descendants of Israel

³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.

The lamb is to be MALE ... and ... without blemish



Then God says some things that convolute our minds

⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at **TWILIGHT**.

⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.

The ***BLOOD*** kept ...

DEATH from the home

BLOOD of the innocent

SAVED those covered



God gives them their Last Supper in Slavery

12:8 That same night they are to eat the meat **roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.**

12:9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but **roast it over a fire**—with the head, legs and internal organs.

12:10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must **burn it.**

Roast it ... cook it the QUICK way

This is the FIRST ...

Meals on Wheels



Seder Meal

for those on the go

Gettin'-Out-of-Town

Meal

Then God tells them HOW to Eat
their **Meals on Wheels**

12:11 This is how you are to eat it:
with your cloak tucked into your belt,
your sandals on your feet
& your staff in your hand.

Eat it in HASTE;
it is the LORD's Passover.

Why? the deliverance thus far AND
deliverances that follow are so miraculous
that **HASTE** seems NOT to be **WASTE!**

Eat it in haste;
it is the LORD's Passover.



Seder Meal
for those on the go
Gettin'-Out-of-Town
Meal

Why in haste?

Drum roll please ...

**Eat it in haste;
it is the LORD's Passover.**



Given the thousands of Hebrew Slaves, it is conceivable that NEWS took time to get to all.

Remember, Pharaoh releases after the 2nd Plague of Frogs, but quickly changes mind

Remember, first 3 plagues hit Egyptians & Israel

Eventually, as the 4th, 5th, 6th ... not in Goshen

**Hebrews SLOWLY realize
GOD is TRULY working**



Seder Meal

for those on the go

Gettin'-Out-of-Town

Meal



Eat it in haste ... LORD's Passover.

By the 7th, 8th, & 9th judgments **SOLELY** in Egypt

After Pharaoh—King of the World—releasing

CHANGING his hard-head **TWO more times**

Then **NOT** comes **MOSES** for 10th judgment ...

This Judgment will **NOT** by a staff risen high

This will **NOT** be by hail, bug, blood, or frog

THIS Judgment will be by **GOD** himself

Afflicting EVERY Firstborn

NOT Covered by Blood



Seder Meal

for those on the go

Gettin'-Out-of-Town

Meal

God gives the Hebrews SPECIFIC, detailed instructions

It is conceivable some did NOT follow them

Hebrews are a contrary people ... an enslaved people

One characteristic of SLAVERY is ... **it kills initiative**

There is a LOT that can be said about the oppression

Exodus 12:40-41 tell us so much!

⁴⁰ Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years.

⁴¹ At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt.

Egypt was their LIFE and culture, most oppressive

especially since the Pharaoh who knew not Joseph came



Now ... they are told **WHAT** to eat ... **HOW** to eat
And they have to put **BLOOD** on the door posts ...
God tells them what is going to happen:



¹² “On that same night I will pass through Egypt
and strike down every firstborn of
both people and animals, and
I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt.

I am the **LORD = YHWH!**

¹³ The **BLOOD** will be a sign for you on the houses
where you are, and when I see the blood,
I will **PASS OVER** you. No destructive plague
will touch you when I strike Egypt.

C. H. Spurgeon on Exodus 12:13, "The Blood"

Inimitable Spurgeon sets up his delectable message:

Though the earth should rock beneath the feet of man, yet the Christian, may stand fast, and though the heavens should be rolled up ... yet need not a Christian fear; God's people *shall* be saved: if they cannot be saved under the heavens, they shall be saved in the heavens; if there be no safety for them in the time of trouble upon this solid earth, they shall be "caught up together with the Lord in the air, and so shall they be ever with the Lord," and ever safe.



Charles H. Spurgeon, 1885
by Alexander Melville

C. H. Spurgeon on Exodus 12:13

Egypt was exposed to a terrible peril.

Jehovah himself was about to march through the streets of all the cities of Egypt....

No one less than I AM, the great God....

Tremble, ye inhabitants of the earth, for God has come down among you, provoked, incensed, and at last awakened from his seeming sleep of patience.

He has girded on his terrible sword, and

He has come to smite you.

Quake for fear....

when God walks through the streets, sword in hand....



C. H. Spurgeon on Exodus 12:13

But hark! the voice of covenant mercy speaks,
God's children are **SAFE**....

so are they **SAFE** from the sword of justice—always
and ever **SAFE**; for there was not a hair of the head
of an Israelite that was so much as touched....

While he did rend his enemies like a lion,
yet did he protect his children, every one of them....

In the day when God in his fierce anger shall come forth from his
dwelling place, to affright the earth with terrors and
to condemn the wicked, **WE SHALL BE SECURE**,
if covered ... and sprinkled with his blood,

we are found in him.



Rest of Exodus 12 ... more on the Passover

At midnight, YHWH struck down the firstborn

Exodus 12:30, during the night ... *wailing* ...

not a house without someone dead

12:31, Pharaoh calls Moses and Aaron

**"Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites!
Go, worship the LORD as you have requested.**

Israelites left with gold & silver ... from Ramses to Sukkoth
about 30 miles

12:37 says **600,000 men**, besides women & children
and many others went with them ...



30 miles ...

Exodus 12:37

says **600,000 men**

besides women
& children

many others w them

Some say 1-2 million!

12:38 says **“also LARGE
droves of livestock,
both flocks and herds.”**

Large herds for a million!

YHWH reinforced the
Passover to be observed
for generations ...



Why? ... Why leave in haste?

They had their Last Supper as Slaves

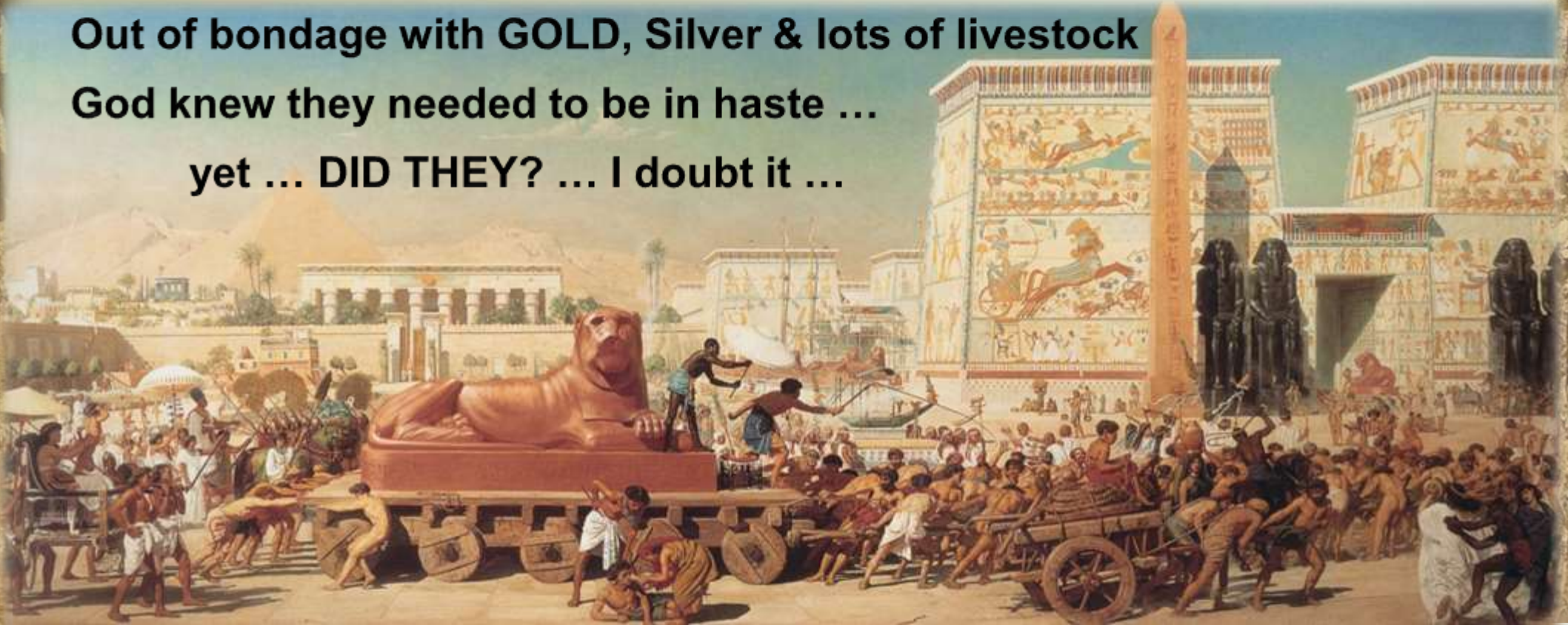
Pharaoh, who changed
his mind **MANY** times

Pharaoh let, allowed,
permitted the

Israelites go ...



Why Haste? *GOD KNEW* Pharaoh would change *AGAIN*—*that's why.*
To the Israelites ... they were **FREE**—**FREE** at **LAST**
Free like they had **NEVER** dreamed before
Moses was their savior ... out of bondage
Out of bondage with **GOLD**, Silver & lots of livestock
God knew they needed to be in haste ...
yet ... **DID THEY?** ... I doubt it ...



After 430 years ... **Independence Day** ...

After their DARKEST Night ... covered by **BLOOD**

They LEAVE with the
riches of Egypt shoved
into their arms ...

This was their most

Glorious Day

And this man leading

This God-guided Man

MOSES

Their Hero, Deliverer

Their Savior



After their Darkest Night ... after their Last Supper
On their First Day of Freedom ... richly endowed

*One Man—Deliverer & Savior—***MOSES**

I think this song captures that moment ... *partially*
Israelites ... following **MOSES** from Egypt ...

Onward, following **MOSES** to the Promised Land

I think this song captures a *portion* of that magnificent moment ...

“*Wind Beneath My Wings*” was written by Jeff Silbar & Larry Henley

First recorded by Roger Whittaker in 1982,
then by Sheena Easton and Lee Greenwood

Made several charts:

Colleen Hewett, 1982	Lou Rawls, 1983
Gladys Knight & The Pips, 1983	Gary Morris, 1983



Wind Beneath My Wings hit the ceiling in 1988
highest-charting version by Bette Midler

- For the soundtrack to the film [Beaches](#),
story of two friends from different backgrounds
- whose friendship spans more than 35 years
through childhood, love, and tragedy



Released as a single in early 1989, No. 1 on *Billboard* Hot 100

1990 it Won Grammy Awards for both

Record of the Year ... and ... Song of the Year

1990 it went Platinum by selling a million copies

So then, for MOST of those LOOKING to **MOSES**

It must have been cold there in my shadow,
to never have sunlight on your face....



1. WIND BENEATH MY WINGS (4.52)
2. ONE MORE ROUND (2.01)
3. FROM A DISTANCE (4.37)
4. THE ROSE (3.52)

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Did you ever know that you're my **HERO**,
and everything I would like to be?

I can fly higher than an eagle ...

It might have appeared to go unnoticed,
but I've got it all here in my heart.

I want you to know I know the truth ...

I—**Israel**—would be nothing without you.

Did you ever know that you're my **HERO**?

You're everything I wish I could be....

I could fly higher than an eagle,

'cause you are the wind beneath my wings.



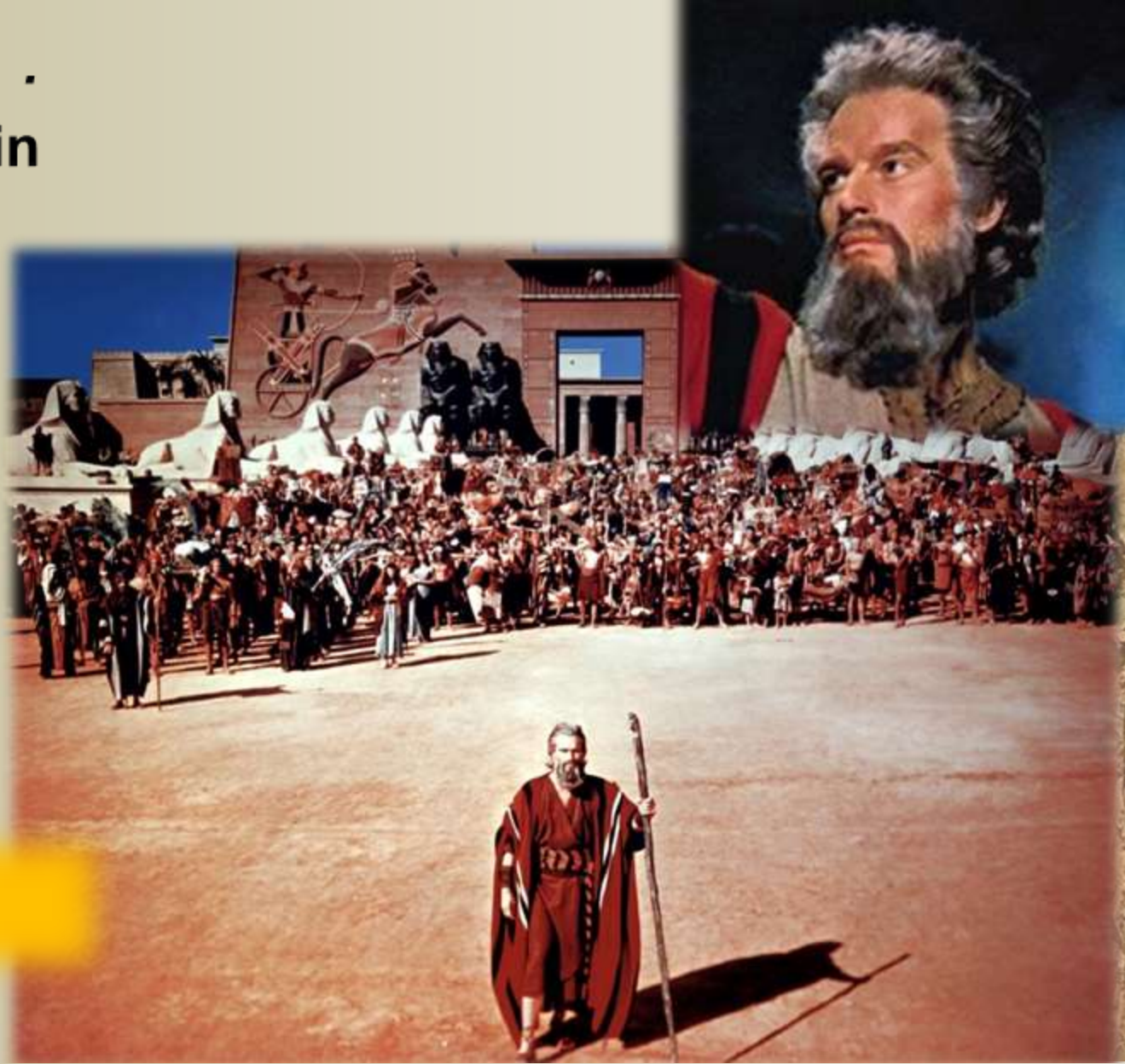
After 430 years . . .
Last FOUR Centuries in
Bitter Slavery

After their
Last Supper

After their
Darkest Night

On their
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On their most blessed
Independence Day



Guided by their Hero

MOSES

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Forerunner to OUR
Deliverance in Christ

and to our
Promised Land



Heaven

